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ROGERSVILLE - For the first time in the five-year history of the Greenesports.net Student-Athlete of the Year program, there is not one, but two very deserving award winners. Considering they are twins who have both put together arguably the most successful athletic careers in recent county history, it just would not have been fair to pick one over the other.

West Greene stars Madison and McKenna Lampe were recently honored as the 2019 Greenesports.net Student-Athletes of the Year following four years of unmatched success over 12 athletic seasons. Both sisters were honored in a ceremony at West Greene High School where they were presented with a plaque and a pair of \$500 scholarships. Winners in the past have received a single \$1,000 check as part of the award.

“It’s really remarkable what the Lampes have done for not only their respective teams, but the West Greene athletic program as a whole,” said Greenesports.net co-founder, operations manager and announcer Jason Tennant. “We knew from the start they were something special and to reach the heights they have, it was a really easy decision to make these two our athletes of the year.”

The duo has collected a combined 12 letters in cross country, basketball and softball and that is just the beginning of the mile-long list that holds their accomplishments.

The Lampes were part of a senior class that has piled up a total of eight section titles (four in softball, three in basketball and one in cross country), three WPIAL softball championships and back-to-back PIAA Class 1-A softball crowns. Their combined efforts also led to the Pioneers becoming the first team from Greene country to run at a PIAA cross country championship meet, which they did this past fall. The duo also spearheaded back-to-back WPIAL runner-up efforts in basketball and three-straight PIAA tournament qualifications.

All of those wins in the fall and winter campaigns were just the lead-up to what has been three-plus dominant years on the softball diamond. The Pioneers come into the 2019 postseason looking for a fourth-straight trip to the PIAA championship game and are heavy favorites to do so. They are also the overwhelming pick for a fourth-straight district title.

“This group of girls has been together for years and accomplished a lot,” said Madison Lampe. “We’re ready for this last playoff run and we are looking forward to it.”

As impressive as the team accomplishments are, Madison and McKenna have accomplished some truly phenomenal individual accolades as high school athletes.

Both sisters were individual state qualifiers in cross country, both are members of the West Greene 1,000-point scorers club and both are multi-time all-district picks in basketball and softball. Much like their team honors, their most impressive individual applause has come on the

diamond, where they are both three-time all-state picks heading into their senior season. In 2017, they were selected as PASBCA Class A Softball Co-Players of the Year.

“If you look at the Lampes and only knew them in basketball, cross country or softball, that would be enough to be picked as our athletes of the year,” said Greenesports.net co-founder and announcer Lanfer Simpson. “In a day and age when you have so many kids wanting to specialize in one sport, it makes what these two sisters have done in three sports so remarkable. They show what a true athlete is. They’ve lifted up a school and a community and what they and their teammates have done in three-plus years is truly special. It won’t be forgotten for a long time. It’s really special.”

After graduation, both Madison and McKenna will be heading to Pittsburgh to study nursing and compete for the Carlow University softball team. They will also be heavily involved with their United States Army ROTC training and commitments. Four years of the sort of time management, physical exertion and mental steadiness to balance that sort of schedule would be too much for many individuals. For the two talented and dedicated siblings, it’s just become a way of life.

“The life that we have had forever has always been busy and we’ve always had a busy schedule,” said McKenna Lampe. “We just want to thank our parents, family, friends, coaches and community who have been with us through the year to get us here.”